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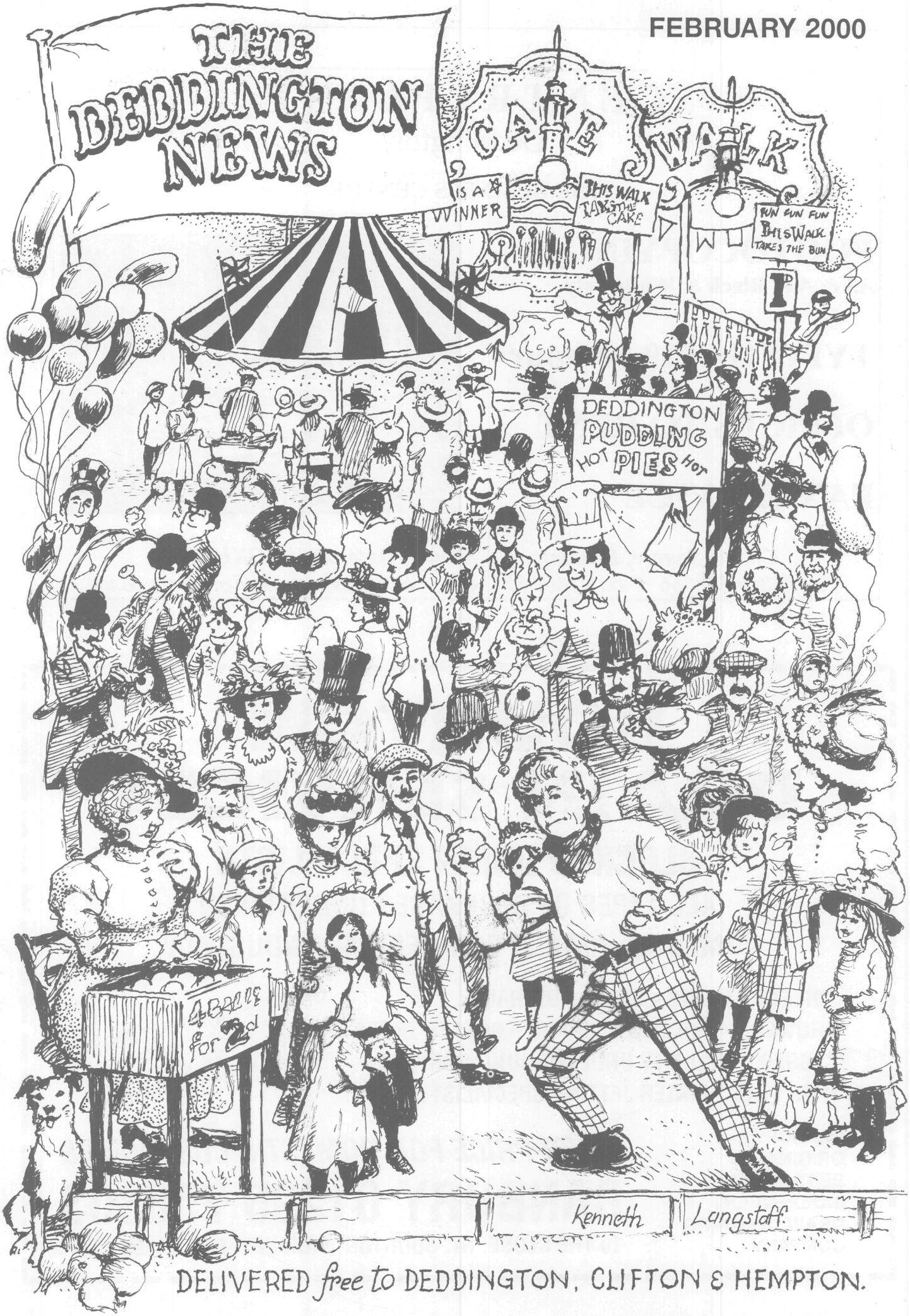

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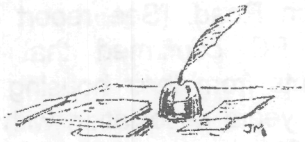

EDITORIAL

Midnight. The Millennium bugs didn't bite. The sky didn't fall on Chicken Licken's head. Revellers in the Market Place listened to the church bells, watched the big screen and celebrated in friendly rather than in riotous fashion. The Parish moved smoothly into the 21st. century. Thanks are due to many individuals and bodies for this smooth transition (see Jim Bell's report). During the short Ecumenical Service in the Parish Church on January 1st., the South Door was symbolically opened and the new year's sunlight streamed in, banishing shadows. For one participant at least, this was, perhaps, the most moving moment of the official celebrations.

Before Kenneth Langstaff left he designed a final cover for the DN - a re-creation of Deddington's Pudd'n' Pie Fair. The Fair was held here until the early 20th century and villagers sustained themselves during festivities with a *two-course meal in one - an outer crust with suet as an ingredient, filled with plum pudding, the whole being afterwards baked.* (N.S. DN, April 1994). Perhaps the recipe could be revived to add even more savour to the many Millennium events ahead of us (see Jim Bell again).

The Parish continues its busy round. Marianne Elsley writes a review of the Pantomime and Ray Sones details the VAT initiative. The Choir rehearses for the *Songs of the Century* concert. Clifton is chasing its footpath and Hempton wants to make good an omission. Deddington Gardeners meet to discuss their future. We can look forward to the Map Group's paperback guide to Deddington, Clifton and Hempton and the Revd. Cotton Risley returns after a six month's absence.

Very sadly, the present Vicar, the Revd. Ken Reeves, leaves us after a decade in the Parish. His final services will be on Easter Day (see Church & Chapel). More details in the next issue.

The DN is looking for volunteers for the posts of Advertising Manager and Church & Chapel Editor, beginning in August. If the involvement attracts you, please get in touch. Kristin Thompson

Last Friday of the month: Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House, St Johns, Hempton, 10-12.
Other Fridays: Coffee mornings in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10 -12.
Fridays: Babies and Toddler Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30 - 11.30 am.
Fridays: British Legion, Prize bingo and " Play Your Cards Right" at 8 pm.

FEBRUARY DIARY

Wed	2	Friendship Club: Beetle Drive, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. (p.8)
Wed	2	Deddington Ladies, The Holly Tree, 8 pm.
Mon	7	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, The Holly Tree, 10 am-noon.
Tue	8	WI: Wildlife At The Top of The World, Mr G Soden, The Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. (p.8)
Wed	9	Deddington Primary School, Blue Peter Bring and Buy Sale 2pm - 4pm. (p.4)
Wed	9	History Society: Talk by B. Davis, North Oxon Photographers, Windmill, 7.30pm (p.7)
Sat	12	PTA: Valentine Night Quiz, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.(p.4)
Wed	16	Friendship Club: Talk by Mrs Anne Pound on Thailand, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm (p.8)
Wed	16	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Sat	19	"Songs of the Century", Charity concert in Parish Church. (p.12)
Tue	22	COPY DATE FOR MARCH DEDDINGTON NEWS
Thu	24	Deddington Gardeners discuss the future, The Holly Tree, 8 pm. (p.7)
Fri	25	"Go Noah Go". Puppet play for small children. Windmill Centre 3 pm. (p. 14)
Fri	25	Monday Morning Club bus for the Apollo in Oxford leaves Market Square at 6.15 pm

MARCH DIARY

Wed	1	Deddington Ladies, The Holly Tree, 8 pm.
Fri	3	Monday Morning Club bus for Chipping Norton Theatre leaves Market Place at 6.15 pm.
Mon	6	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, The Holly Tree, 10 am- noon.

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Note of meeting on 15 December 1999

Attended by Cllrs Flux (chair), Bell, Clarke, Cosgrove, Cox, Davies, Harper, Hill, Newey, Swash, Walker, the Clerk, D/Cllr O'Sullivan and 3 members of the public.

LOW-COST HOUSING

In terrible weather, Mrs Jo Mace buried a time capsule, and construction officially began on the long-awaited low-cost housing scheme on Hempton Road. [See report elsewhere in this issue.] PC confirmed that CDC will select applicants from their housing list who have at least 5 years association with Deddington, and Oxford Citizens Housing Association will allocate the dwellings, which should be ready for occupation in September 2000. Information on prices should be available early in the New Year.

[THE DEDDINGTON NEWS has followed this story from the beginning through every twist and turn, stalemate and setback. Led by Nigel Oddy and the late Dr Bill Mace, the Parish Council took the initiative 7 years ago. They had no executive powers in the matter then, and that is still the case. The PC could influence the events, but not control them. It is largely because of the PC's persuasiveness, reasoned argument, sustained pressure and refusal ever to give up, that at last the parish has its low-cost housing scheme. - NS]

NEWS IN BRIEF

- The British Legion's Remembrance Day Appeal raised £2,853.02.
- All permissions have now been obtained for the Hudson Court street lamp.
- PC thanked Deddington Map Group for its comprehensive progress and financial report.

PLANNING

PC no objection, provided neighbours agree, to

(i) *Stonecroft, Clifton Road* - first floor extension.

(ii) *The Old Butchery, St Thomas St* - extension and dormer windows.

PC objected to (iii) *Grove Lodge, High Street* - conversion of barn to dwelling (renewal of previous consent) - uninformative drawings; problems of overlooking; front door opens direct onto narrow roadway; parking and access difficulties; over-development of the site.

THE VICARAGE, EARLS LANE

Revised outline permission to demolish the Vicarage, erect 3 new houses and reposition school play and parking areas, now takes account of many of the conditions requested by PC, such as rumble strips and screening of adjacent properties. However, vital questions of children's safety remain unanswered. PC to press for their inclusion as conditions before detailed planning permission is given.

REGIONAL PLANNING

The Government Office for the South East has replied to PC's serious objections to the Panel Report on Regional Planning Guidance.

"The Secretary of State is currently considering the Panel's recommendations made on Serplan's Draft Regional Planning Guidance before publishing proposed changes to the draft RPG. This is now expected in the New Year and will last for a minimum of 8 weeks. There will then be a full opportunity to comment on the changes. In advance of this consultation, I am afraid that it would be inappropriate for me to respond to the observations you make." [EH? - NS]

MILLENNIUM PLANS ON TARGET

Good progress is being made on the July 2000 Carnival - Antiques Road Show, Steam Fair, Pig Roast, Jazz Band, Barrel Race and other attractions. From January 2000, the Millennium Calendar price drops to £2.50, and every schoolchild gets one free. CDC are looking for input to their Millennium Event in June.

TREES OLD AND NEW

- Supply and erection of the Market Place Christmas tree cost PC £289.80.
- PC has no objection to tree felling/pruning at *The Old Malt House* and *The Old Vicarage*, both in Church Street.
- Overgrown hedges at St John's Way. Hempton, obstruct footpath. Clerk to contact owners.
- Millennium Tree Grants of £500 max. are available from CDC for 2 years on a £-for-£ basis. PC to apply for grants to extend Deddington-Hempton and Deddington-Clifton roadside plantings. Tree maintenance and management plan to be prepared.

DOGS

The dog bin installed in Daeda's Wood was financed by PC. Regular emptying is included.

ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE ENCLOSED LEAFLET ON DOG FOULING.

INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS

Total £550,628.38, of which £500,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 5.4% variable; £35,000 Treasury stock @ 4.8125% fixed; £3,483.51 @ 2.5% on 14 days; £11,418.22 @ 1.75% + £726.65 @ 1.375%, both overnight.

PARISH ACCOUNTS

Invoices totalling approx £7,600 were passed for payment, including some £4,900 for the first two instalments of the Cemetery Gates project.

NEXT MEETING 19 January 2000, 7.30pm, when the 2000/2001 precept will be decided.

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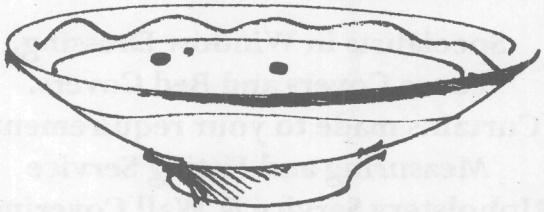

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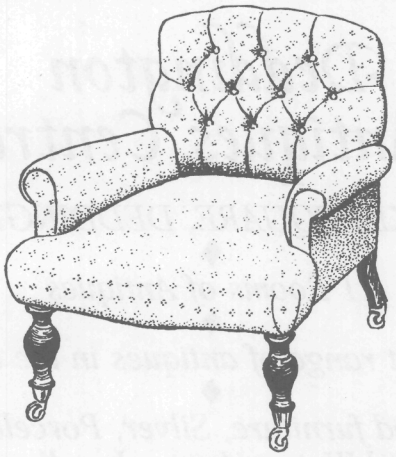

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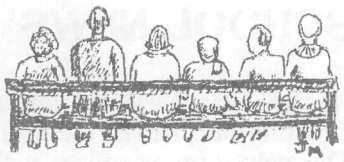

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NEWS IN BRIEF

PC wished Norman Stone a speedy recovery. Clerk to ask again for details of selection procedures for low cost housing. The Clifton to Deddington Road will be first to benefit from the Millennium Tree Planting Project. Deddington has been chosen for a pilot study into the transport needs of young people. The Youth Club will have to provide more information following their request for a further grant of £500 for filming. The contract for grass cutting in the parish will go out to tender. PC agreed to spend £270 on post and wire fences at the Windmill Centre to keep cars off the playing fields. Cemetery fees will be increased by 10% from 1 April, bringing the cost of a standard interment to £110. As many past PC chairmen as possible will be invited to gather together for a photograph.

PARISH PRECEPT

Cllrs were told the precept is a form of rate which the PC has the option of levying to help pay for major projects in the parish. The main advantage of a precept is to prevent further erosion of capital and avoid dipping into it at a time of low interest rates. They agreed to levy 15.57p in the £ for a band D property, to raise a precept of £13,500.

CLIFTON ROAD FOOTPATH

Cllr Davies presented proposals and arguments for an improved, extended and continuous footpath from Clifton to Deddington. Costs were estimated at £15,000 for a new path through the village, to link with the existing one which starts just beyond Home Farm, and £25,000 for improvements to the path from Home Farm to Deddington. PC agreed to form a small working group to look into the proposals in more detail and to research possible alternative funding. (See Notes from Clifton for more details).

MILLENNIUM WORKING GROUP

PC thanked all concerned for the success of the Millennium Eve celebrations in Market Place. The celebration will continue through the year and permission will be sought from the Windmill Centre for the erection of a marquee there for a carnival night disco on 15 July. Application will be made for a liquor licence for this as well as for the PC's quiz night on 18 March and sports day on 21 May. Several organisations expect to make profits from these events and PC suggests they consider making contributions towards the £7,000 needed for Deddington School's Millennium Classroom.

PLANNING & PROPERTY

PC to write letter of criticism about the police office front door which, they say, is inappropriate in a conservation area.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS & INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

Invoices for payment totalled £10,175.96. Total investments are £547,583.96 of which £500,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 5.4%; £35,000 Treasury deposit @ 4.8375% fixed; £3,495.13 @ 3.125% on 14 days; £8,362.18 @ 1.75% overnight; £726.65 @ 1.375% overnight.

NEXT MEETING 15 February, 7.30pm, Town Hall.

HOUSING : On December 13 Mrs. Jo Mace, widow of Dr. Bill Mace, buried a time capsule at the Oxford Citizens Association's low-cost housing site on the Hempton Road. The capsule contains village memorabilia including videos, maps and photographs of the village; details of the OCHA Housing Scheme, Daeda's Wood and the contractors, Messrs. Western Counties; a village Guide and Millennium Calendar; cassette of the 'Raise the Roof' Concert and disc of the Web Site; minutes of the November 1999 meeting of the Parish Council; copy of the Deddington News and a list of the invitees to the Opening. The idea of the housing was strongly supported by Dr. Mace when he was Chairman of the Parish Council. Sixteen houses are planned for rental and seven for shared ownership. All applicants must be on Cherwell's housing register in August 2000. The site will be named Wimborn Close.

MOLLY NEILD

SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year to you all from everyone at Deddington Primary School.
The new term is off to a flying start. Seventeen new children have joined us since Christmas and have settled happily into their classes.
At the end of last term the children enjoyed a number of Christmas 'treats', including a party for the youngest children and a visit to the Chipping Norton Theatre's production of *Cinderella*. Our Christmas Concert was a great success, and the Reception Class through to Year 4 entertained a capacity audience in the Parish Church with their version of *The Whoopsa Daisy Angel*.
Topics for this term include "Opposites" and "The Romans". Year 6 are organising a **Blue Peter Bring and Buy Sale – February 9, 2–4pm.** to help premature baby units around the country.
A visit to the Millennium Dome is planned for later in the term
As you can see, the Year 2000 will be full of action and we would be delighted to see you at some of the events planned.

LYNNE STEPHENS 338430

...and from the PTA

A Question of Love ???? You are warmly invited to join us for a **Valentine Quiz Night, Sat. Feb. 12, from 7.30-11.30pm**. at the **Windmill Centre.** Tickets from Deddington and Barford St. Michael Post Offices or the School Office, £4 in advance or £5 on the door. This includes supper and a bar will be available.
Please register your team by Feb. 7.(maximum: 10 people) Due to the popularity of this event, we can't otherwise guarantee space (or food!). All teams are asked to donate a raffle prize. Thank you. RACHEL TEARE 337077 & GILLIAN DURHAM 338675

DEDDINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

At the end of last term we said good bye to: Wayne Crowthers, Lauren Spencer, Joshua Johns, Ben Cooke, Jake Mayo, Tessa Stephens, Ellie and Jessie Williams, Ben Robertson, Eddie Lynch, Michael Banks and Emily Chadwick, We wish them well at school.
This term we welcome: Grace Phethean, Nicholas and Daniel Cunniffe, Georgina Poole, George Wenman, Lewis Wallington, Chloe Morrison, Harry Collins, Matthew Deane and Alina Everatt.
Thank you to The British Legion for letting us hold our Christmas Party there and to Father Christmas (you know who you are) for visiting the children. We had some lovely presents and donations of money from our leavers.
We are organising fund-raising events, one of which is an Easter Bunny Hunt on **Fri. April. 14, 11.30am**. at **Pre-school**. Details nearer the time.
Finally, a big thank you to BMMA who have kindly donated a computer to Pre-school.
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GLEANINGS FROM THE PAST - PARISH & DEANERY MAGAZINES

A hundred years ago nobody in Deddington had celebrated the beginning of a new century. A whole year of birth, life and death had to be endured before the new century was marked in 1901! (Is it possible that we have been a trifle premature with our splendid Millennium celebrations? And are the famous *bugs* laughing and preparing their main attack for 2001 ?)
What occupied our predecessors in January 1900 was the war in South Africa. Television was still to come but people knew how to keep in touch with the latest news on the war front. The Parish and Deanery Magazine reports: "Mr. Potts, of the Banbury Guardian office, has made a very kind offer to the neighbouring clergy. He has a number of lantern slides of different places in South Africa connected with the war, and will be willing to lend them to any clergyman who, in applying to him, will undertake to defray the cost of carriage and be responsible for their safe return. We are very glad to make this kind offer known, and to thank Mr. Potts on behalf, not only of the local clergy, who will be sure to avail themselves of this opportunity, but also of the many people to whom the pictures will be of such great and even painful interest."

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Mr. Tom Forrest, Head of OCC Cultural Services, and Yvonne Macdonald from Oxford Library Services met Rosemary Arnold, our Librarian, and Cllr. Geoff Todd on December 9. Mr. Forrest was impressed by the Library Working Group's report. The building would be reviewed by OCC surveyors and future development plans prepared. There is now a second computer terminal in the Library and all IT equipment should be working soon.
Pamela Brownlie represented FDL at the Oxford Libraries Conference on Nov 27. She felt hopeful for the future of Oxon libraries and was impressed by the amount of world-wide knowledge available through modern technology.
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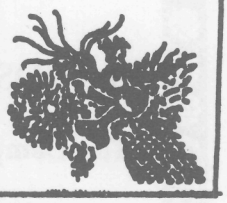

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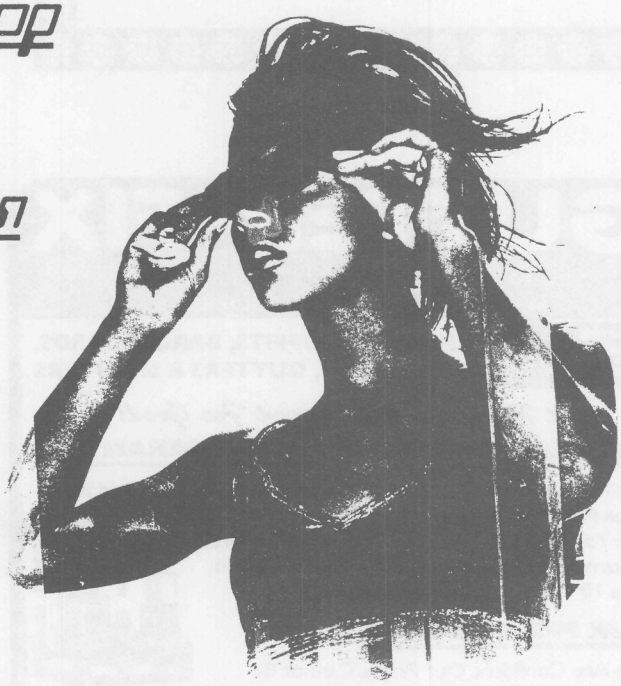

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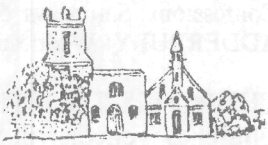

February Services (Parish Church).

Thu 3 2pm Squeals and Wheels Pram and Toddlers' Service.
Sun 6 10.30am Family Service for Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple).
Wed 9 10am Holy Communion.
Sun 13 10.30am Sung Eucharist.
Wed 16 10am Holy Communion. 11.15am Holy Communion in Featherton House.
Sun 20 **Education Sunday.** 8am Holy Communion (BCP). 10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP)
Wed 23 10am Holy Communion followed by Service of Healing..
Sun 27 Sung Eucharist.

March Services

Wed 1 10am Holy Communion. **Thu 2** 2pm Squeals and Wheels Pram and Toddlers' Service.

February Services (St John, Hempton).

Sun 6 & 20 9am Eucharist. **Sun 27** 6pm Evensong (BCP).

Church Friday Club for children of Deddington School will meet every Friday in the school hall 3.15-4pm. We always accept children who wish to join. Any parents who would be willing to help from time to time should contact the Vicar. We do need extra helpers.

Bible Study Home Group meetings - new members always welcome.

Monday 14 February at 2pm in 15 Grove Court, Deddington.

Wednesdays 9 and 23 February, 7.30 for 8pm in Boulderdyke, Clifton and 2, The Leyes, Deddington.

Visiting The Vicar, Curate and a few members of our congregation will call at a number of homes in the parish this month.

Making a Will? You may wish to consider making a bequest to the Church. Recently we have gratefully received two bequests.

Youth Fellowship meets every 2nd Sunday in the month at 6.30pm in Hempton Church. Next meeting: 13 February. Further details from the Curate.

Helen House Hospice. The secretary, Lorna Thomas, has written - "Thank you so very much for your wonderful gift of children's toys. Please thank your congregation, especially the children, who gave the presents at the Christmas Day Family Service".

Count our Blessings. During the year you are invited to count your blessings and donate money to three charities helping people in need in other parts of the world. Boxes are available for this purpose and information about how you may like to give. They can be taken from Deddington Parish Church or obtained from Vivien Pleydell-Bouverie (338269) or Josie Stevens (338305).

Thanks The Christmas morning collection in Deddington Churh for Christian Aid work amongst victims of the recent floods raised £307.

Vicar's Day Off. The Vicar's day off in the week is now Saturday. He hopes people will only contact him on Saturday in an emergency.

Hempton Church now has a beautiful banner, worked by a group of Hempton Ladies and a music stand for the organ. These were dedicated to God and in memory of Rose Edginton during the morning Service on 2 January.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

BAPTISM: 9 January in Deddington Church - HUGH JAMES BANES.

FUNERAL: 24 January in Deddington Church: MARY ELLEN NASH, aged 87 years.

INTERMENT OF CREMATED REMAINS: 28 Nov. in Deddington Churchyard - ELLA MARSHALL

KEN REEVES (Vicar) 338329 and DAVID NICOL (Curate) 01295 812697.

DEDDINGTON WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

We would welcome you to any of the following services held at 10.30am OR at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings to share fellowship and Bible Study at Cromwell House, Market Place.

February Services: Sun 6, 13, 20 - Pastor I. Walton. **Sun 27** - John Burston.

Pastor ISSY WALTON (337157).

DEDDINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street. Secretary Joyce Minnear Tel: 338529

A warm welcome awaits you.

Tuesday afternoon fellowship and Bible study at 2.30pm.

Sunday evening worship 6pm. Preachers as follows:

February Services: **Sun 6** - Rev Albert Fox (Communion). **Sun 13** - Mr Andrew Cotton (Hethe).
Sun 20 - Rev Noel James (Somerton). **Sun 27** - Mr Elbourn (Oxford).

Rev ALBERT FOX (345339).

CHURCH AND CHAPEL cont.

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HETHE: Every weekday at 10am (including Saturday but excluding Wednesday). Sundays - 10am.
Confessions: Saturdays 5.30 - 6pm.
ADDERBURY: Wednesdays - 7pm. Sundays - 8.30am. Confessions: Before Sunday Masses.

Parish Priest: Rev A. J. BURNS (277396)

CHURCHES TOGETHER - Find out more about the Christian Faith.
Churches Together in the Parish are arranging meetings on Thursday evenings in March and April. These will take place at 7.30pm in the Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square. There will be a modest meal, videos and discussion on what Christians believe. You will be most welcome and there is no charge.

KEN REEVES

TRIBUTES:

WLODZIMIERZ BURAK.
Wlodzimierz Burak died on January 2, at Southern Down Nursing Home in Chipping Norton. We send our sincere sympathy to his wife, Mrs. Burak, and to his daughter, Elizabeth Reed, and her family. Ed.

MARY ELLEN NASH, aged 87 years.
Mary was born in Hebburn, Tyne and Wear, in 1912. She married Frank and they came to live in Chapel Square, Deddington, in 1946, moving to the Paddocks in 1948. They had three children, Alison, Ken and Robin. We extend our sympathy to Mary's family.

KEN REEVES

THE REVEREND KEN REEVES

The Revd. Ken Reeves leaves the Parish at Easter. Here is a brief extract from the Parish Church Newsletter of Sunday, January 23. "The Vicar... will be retiring from... the parish at Easter time. Having served for just over 10 years in full-time ministry here, he has accepted the Bishop of Dorchester's invitation to work part-time in another Benefice in Bishop Anthony's Oxfordshire area.. The Vicar is so grateful for the way you have supported him over the years with your prayers and with so much practical help. He thanks God for all of you and what you have meant to him... Please continue to pray for him. Please pray also for Vivien and George, our churchwardens, and members of the PCC as they... make preparations for the interregnum which will follow when Ken leaves." *(Further next month. Ed.)*

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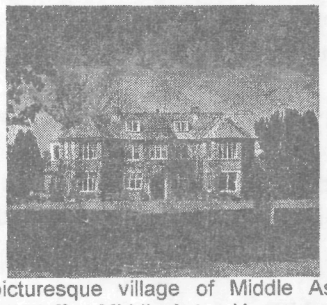

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Please notify any last minute changes in Club programmes to both Club and Diary Editors

DEDDINGTON AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY At the first meeting of the new year Laurence Waters spoke about the railways of North Oxfordshire. Among many startling pieces of information was the fact that at one time nowhere in Oxfordshire was more than three miles from a railway line! Laurence's lecture was greatly enhanced by some superb slides, including several historically important illustrations of the light railways that served the extensive ironstone quarries of our area.
Colin Cohen is preparing the second issue of the society's newsletter. Copy is urgently needed, so please contact him if you have any material: 337040. At our next meeting (Windmill, Wed. February 9, 7.30pm) Barry Davis, member of our sister society at Adderbury and well-known local speaker, will talk and show examples of the work of *North Oxfordshire Photographers*. As always, all are welcome. **CHRIS DAY 337204**

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS On Thurs. Feb. 24, 8pm, we are having a meeting at the Holly Tree to discuss the future (if any) of the Club. We have been meeting in an informal way for over 10 years and Betty, Marianne and I think that it is time to call it a day! Garden conditions and economics have changed dramatically (rise and competitiveness of garden centres, huge increase in TV gardening programmes etc.) so perhaps Deddington Gardeners is now redundant. However, if you think otherwise and just wish we would do more imaginative things, please come and tell us over a glass of wine. **ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186**

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

1st Team results

Broughton & North Newington(a) (Benevolent Cup)	Lost	1-2	C.Doggett
AFC Jericho(a) (Oxfordshire Junior Shield)	Won	4-2	R.Wilkins(2), P.Syde, S.Penfold
Bodicote(a)	Lost	0-6	
Hailey(h) (Oxfordshire Junior Shield)	Won	1-0	S.Penfold
Bishops Itchington(h)	Lost	2-4	R.Wilkins, C.Doggett
Broughton & North Newington(a) (Coronation Cup)	Won	4-1	R.Wilkins (2), S.Penfold, J.Tyrell

The highlight of the past 2 months has been the progress in the Oxfordshire Junior Shield; the team has now moved through to the last eight. Stonesfield are the opponents in the next round. The League form has not been so good, both games resulting in defeats.

Reserve team results

Barford Res(h)	Lost	1-4	D.Keys
Bodicote Res (h)	Drew	3-3	M.Doggett, M.Hawkins, M.Walker
Barford Res(a) (George Reynolds Cup)	Lost	2-3	G.Pinfold, M.Hawkins
Wroxton Res(a) (Cave Cup)	Won	7-1	M.Doggett(4), C.Smith(3)
Charlton(a)	Lost	2-3	Own goal, M.Doggett
Middleton Cheney(h)	Lost	1-3	J.Pearce

The Reserve side have had a difficult couple of months. Pick of the results was the 7-1 demolition of Wroxton Res in the Cave Cup. Late goals conceded in games against Bodicote and Charlton cost the team points in League games. **STEVE PLUMBE 01295-278258**

DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB The Youth Club has started a new session with many activities and football on the 'all weather' pitch. A member of The Mill came to talk to us of their Time Capsule project going to the USA. The video film is continuing on February 7 with our new video camera bought with funds awarded to us by the Millennium Fund. **GAY BREWER 338097**

MONDAY MORNING CLUB Theatre tickets requested for the National Ballet at The Apollo on February 25, for *One Lump Or Two* at Chipping Norton on March 3, and for *The Rivals* at The Swan, Stratford, on May 10, have arrived. Please collect reserved tickets as soon as possible, for cash flow reasons. We have ordered tickets for *She Stoops to Conquer* at The Oxford Playhouse on March 10 and already have stalls seats for *Henry V* at The Royal Shakespeare Theatre on September 17 at the concessionary price. We operate on a first come first serve basis, so if you are interested, please reserve your ticket without delay. The bus for Oxford on Feb. 25 will leave from the Market Place at 6.15pm as usual. **JEAN FLUX 338153**

THE DEDDINGTON WRITERS GROUP has been meeting for three years and has had some success in placing short stories and non-fiction articles in national publications. It is not a mutual admiration society. Manuscripts are subjected to tough, but constructive, criticism. (In spite of the mauling we give and get, we remain friends.) There is informed advice about publishing opportunities and, most importantly, group pressure to dust down and send off that *almost*-completed masterpiece. **KRISTIN THOMPSON 337052**

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CALLING ALL CLUBS contd.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB We held our AGM on January 19 at which our chairman, Mrs Christine Gillespie, reported on last year as a successful and happy time. A vote of thanks for her dedication was proposed by Mrs Margaret Colley, and we then discussed the programme for the year 2000. Following our Beetle Drive on February 2, we look forward to a talk by Mrs Anne Pound on her holiday in Thailand at our next meeting on February 16.
The Friendship Club meets on alternate Wednesday afternoons at the Windmill Centre at 2.30 pm and anyone over fifty wishing to join us, or coming as a guest to 'try us out', can be sure of a warm welcome. Do come along and meet us. If you would like more information please ring me. **GWEN BOND 337354**

DEDDINGTON BROWNIES Last term passed by in a whirl and I apologise for not writing a report. The Brownies attended the Remembrance Sunday parade (18 out of 26). They looked smart, were well behaved, and I was delighted with the compliments I received. We spent 3 meetings packing up the church Millennium candles for both Barford and Deddington parishes. At almost the same time we held a sponsored Kim's Game (memory test) in aid of Scount & Guide funds and Oxfordshire Guides Jubilee House. At the time of writing we have raised about £350; £100 goes towards the Windmill rent and the rest to Jubilee House. We finished at Christmas with a concert for family and friends in which nearly every Brownie showed her skills in entertainment. Well done everyone.
This term we have more exciting activities planned. In addition, Maggie Rampley is kindly giving her time again to run a first aid course for the older Brownies. I am always so grateful for her help. Our Pack Holiday is booked at Ilmington Village Hall from April 28 to May 1.
Sadly at the end of the summer term I shall be leaving the Brownies and passing the leadership on to someone else. Moira Byast will stay on for a time, but she will not run the Pack on her own. For our thriving Pack we need at least two adults to take on this rewarding task and undertake training. I shall be glad to talk to anybody who is interested. I have loved my 26 years with the Brownies, getting to know so many children and their families and I shall miss it dreadfully, but I feel I have done my bit. Please could people come forward and take over.
Many thanks to all who leave washed tinfoil, used postage stamps, or aluminium cans at my house.
VIVIEN PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE 338269

DEDDINGTON COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB The U14s have had a great run through December and January with Sam Colley in fine goal scoring form, hitting 11 goals in five games. The U10s have also had a good run; Jordan Kaye gained a notable achievement in scoring a double hat-trick in their 6-1 victory over Eynsham Boys. The U8s and U9s are still struggling but their respective managers confirm that their football is definitely improving. Club results since last issue:

Under 8 *v. Bloxham(a)* Lost 1-4 (Wills White); *v. Hook Norton Boys(h)* Lost 0-5; *v. Highfield Boys(h)* Lost 1-3 (Patrick Campbell); *v. Bardwell Boys(a)* Won 5-0 (Wills White 2, Patrick Campbell 2, James); *v. Bicester Colts (a)* Lost 0-2; *v. Bloxham (a)* Lost 0-2.

Under 9 *v. Highfield Boys(a)* Lost 1-2 (Luc Thornton); *v. Mortonville Seahawks(h)* Drew 2-2 (Oliver Poole, Luc Thornton); *v. Tower Hill(a)* Lost 0-4; *v. Witney Vikings(h)* Lost 0-4

Under 10 *v. Eynsham Boys(a)* Won 6-1 (Jordan Kaye 6); *v. Garden City(a)* Lost 1-2 (Kalon Radice); *v. KEA(h)* Won 2-1 (Kalon Radice, Tom Rodgers); *v. Bloxham Boys(h)* Won 2-0 (Jordan Kaye 2).

Under 11 No results were available – for details contact Barry Debenham 338554

Under 14 *v. Chasewell Park(h)* Won 4-0 (Sam Colley 3, Chris Cooper); *v. Highfield Boys (cup) (h)* Won 5-1 (Sam Colley 2, David Lane 2, Will Rhind); *v. Mortonville Juniors(a)* Drew 1-1 (Sam Colley); *v. Tower Hill(h)* Won 7-0 (Sam Colley 3, David Lane 2, Chris Cooper 2); *v. Witney Vikings(a)* Won 4-2 (Sam Colley 2, Daniel Walker, David Lane)

GED RHIND email <ged.rhind@bt.com> or DEDDINGTON COLTS 340402

DEDDINGTON W.I. With Christmas and the Millennium festivities behind us, it was back to normal for our January meeting. Ralph Elsley was our speaker, giving us a very amusing and interesting account of his experiences of nineteen house moves. Nineteen! Most of us felt the few we had made were quite traumatic enough. We were especially appreciative as Ralph was just recovering from 'flu. On February 8, Mr G. Soden will talk to us about **Wildlife at the Top of the World**. He is an excellent speaker and again we welcome anyone who would like to hear him and, perhaps, 'look us over'. **RENE MAHONY 338438**

MILLENNIUM QUIZ NIGHT, WINDMILL CENTRE, SAT. MARCH 18, 7.30 - 11.30 pm.
Funds raised will go towards financing future Parish Millennium events, as outlined in the Calendar. Admission; £4 to include supper. Teams (max. 10 people) to donate a raffle prize appropriate to their size. Tickets available from: Mandy Harper 337489, Jim Bell 338649 and Deddington Arms. Volunteers to set up/ run bar/ prepare food would be much appreciated. Please contact Mandy

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VAT REDUCTION FOR LISTED BUILDING REPAIRS

(*In the December issue we wrote about the initiative instigated by the Bishop of Oxford, seeking VAT relief for repairs to historic buildings. Ray Sones now reports on continuing Parish efforts. Ed.)*

Well we tried ! We lobbied Tony Baldry who supported us with a written question to the Government Treasury Minister responsible. She replied that VAT reduction was not possible due to EC regulations. Mr. Baldry also proposed a cross party approach to the Treasury, but this was not taken up. We lobbied our MEP, James Elles, who came to see us and put our case forward in Brussels, but still no success.

So we wrote to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. To date, there is no response from Mr. Blair, but we have heard from the VAT Directorate thanking us for our letter to the Chancellor and telling us:- *Council Directive 1999/85/EC provides for an experimental reduced VAT for selective labour intensive services ... the Directive was adopted on 22nd. October. While there was originally a suggestion that repairs to historic and listed buildings might fulfil the necessary conditions for a reduced rate under the Directive, Member States felt that the experimental arrangement should be strictly limited to a narrow list of specific services. The final list therefore included services for repair and renovation of private dwellings, but there was not agreement to extend the definition more widely.*

A telephone call to the VAT enquiry office resulted in advice that the VAT level could only be reduced if National Legislation followed the EC Decree. Did this happen when an EC Decree banned the export of British beef worldwide ??

RAY SONES

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CELEBRATING THE MILLENNIUM in Deddington Clifton Hempton

The Millennium Eve has come and gone. No one knew how the Market Place gathering would turn out but the crowd was estimated at over a thousand. Everyone knew exactly when midnight struck, thanks to the large screen and Big Ben. I know I was there because I have seen a photograph of a Monk and a Bear, who look suspiciously like the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the PC, and an Arab in the background who is, apparently, me. I would like to express my thanks to the bellringers, to inn landlords for agreeing to stay open, to residents who took police advice and parked their cars elsewhere and to Dennis Freeman, our Parish Steward, for clearing up the champagne bottles etc. next morning.

Forthcoming Events. The Summer Carnival will be on Sat. July 15, 1pm.- 6pm. in the Market Place. There will be a Disco in the evening in a marquee at the Windmill. Events include an 'Antique Road Show' at the Deddington Antique Centre, a marching band, displays by village organisations and competitions, including Aunt Sally, Crazy Golf and Beer Barrell Rolling over obstacles in the Market Place. I shall be writing shortly to all organisations inviting participation. More information in the next DN.

JIM BELL 338649

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THE WAY WE WERE Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood

The Rev. Cotton Risley was Vicar of Deddington from 1836-1848 when he resigned the Living during the illness (and subsequent death) of his daughter Betsy. He remained living in the village in Deddington House (now Manor) with his wife and 4 sons and continued writing his diaries. These are held by the Bodleian Library, who have kindly allowed us to print extracts therefrom. The following entries are from February 1850:-

20th FEBRUARY - Mr. Brogden called to take leave - on going to reside in London.

23rd FEBRUARY - About 1 o'clock Mr. Brogden and his family took their departure from the Vicarage for London, where they are about to reside in future - an event long desired for the sake of the Parish and its best interests.

26th FEBRUARY - Susan and I walked up to the Church to see that all were in readiness and order against the Bishop's arrival (from London) to preach here this evening. We had a very full Church, Mr. Wilson (from Over Norton who was in charge in Mr. Brogden's absence) and his son read the prayers between them - the Bishop preached a most impressive and stirring sermon, level to the understanding of the hearers. The Church was well lighted and looked beautiful - especially the pillars and arches.

27th FEBRUARY - I attended another meeting at the Boys School this evening, Mr. Wilson in the chair, when the rules for the future management of the schools were agreed upon and passed. A question about the carrying out of Mr. Brogden's proposed scheme (on the Government plan) for the building of Schools and Houses of Residence for the future use of the Parish, was raised - and carried by 8 or 10 to 5 votes, I being in the minority, and obliged to differ from Mr. Wilson. This I regretted but could not honestly do otherwise.

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ON THE FARM

The sheep came into the barns some 10 days before Christmas because of the wet weather and quickly settled in, glad to be out of mud and rain. They will soon be got ready for lambing, which should start at the beginning of March. This year we will lamb 425 ewes, an increase of 60 ewes on last year. With the present prospects for sheep farming looking rather dismal it may seem rather strange to incease the flock when everyone else is decreasing theirs but as Grandfather used to say, you should see what everyone else is doing and then do the opposite.

The crops look well at the moment and if the weather stays open the oil seed rape will soon need its first dressing of nitrogen and sulphur. For some years we have not put on any autumn fertilizers, opting to use a phosphate, potash, nitrogen compound fertilizer in the spring. By not using fertilizer in the autumn it gives us more time to get the crops planted at the right time and reduces the risk of nutrients being leached out of the soil by the winter rain. We have also, for many years, chopped and ploughed in most of the straw. This has improved the soil structure by adding large amounts of humus and it also returns the phosphate and potash taken up by the previous crop. We have now had all the arable fields 'soil mapped'. This involves the use of a computer linked to a satellite to give an accurate map of each field and then sets out where each soil sample should be taken. Each sample is then analysed to give an accurate reading of the available soil nutrients. It shows up any imbalances which can then be corrected by applying fertilizer only to the parts of the field that need it, so reducing the amount of fertilizer we need to buy in. This year we only need to use a compound fertilizer on three of the fields. The rest will only need straight nitrogen, so we should be able to cut our growing costs. Well - that's the theory but it all gives me a headache. However if it keeps the Bank Manager blinded by science it may be worth it in the end.

The 'open' winter has again put everything out of sync. The bees have again got some brood in the hives far too early to be of any use and I will need to give them extra food in the hope that they will survive into the Spring. Many birds have paired up and I have found one Blackbirds' nest with eggs in it. There are Primroses and Celandines in flower in the churchyard and the other day I found common Footman Moth larva (*eilema lurideola)* feeding on lichen on an ash tree. No doubt a hungry blue tit thought he had won the lottery. But there is still plenty of winter to come, so old Mother Nature will put things back in order as usual.

GEORGE FENEMORE 338203

FIRE SERVICE

Fire calls 1999 : December saw the Station responding to 13 calls: 1 car fire; 1 van stolen, dumped and set on fire; another car fire (in a garage); 3 road traffic accidents; 1 chip pan fire; 1 chimney fire; 1 call to overhead mains electricity cables shorting out and 4 calls to stand by at other stations. Total for the year 118 - 32 less than last year.

Fire calls 2000 : 10 calls so far this year: 1 chimney fire; 1 kitchen fire; 1 special service call to assist in getting a woman down from the roof of a 3-storey building; 3 false alarms with good intent and 3 calls to stand by at various locations.

Training : Jeremy Bolduc has now passed a 1-week breathing apparatus course and is now allowed to wear it at incidents Richard Bolton has now joined us and is undergoing his 'competency to ride' training. We also have another applicant who at present is going through the admission tests.

Crewing : January 3 saw the welcome return of Anne Waters after her maternity leave. Unfortunately I am still off with an injury but am pleased to say that Andy Hayward has returned to the village and is once again giving cover at nights and weekends. We congratulate Andy and Nikki on the birth of their baby son Joshua Robert Martin on 28 December, weighing 4lb 15oz.

Fire Service National Benevolent Fund : we are endeavoring to put together a list of ex-firefighters and ex-firefighters' widows in order to keep a check on any needs that may arise. Obviously we know of those who were connected with the Brigade in Deddington but there may be someone from one of the surrounding villages who has moved here from elsewhere. If anyone knows of someone like this, please get in touch with myself on 338943 or Anne Waters on 338279.

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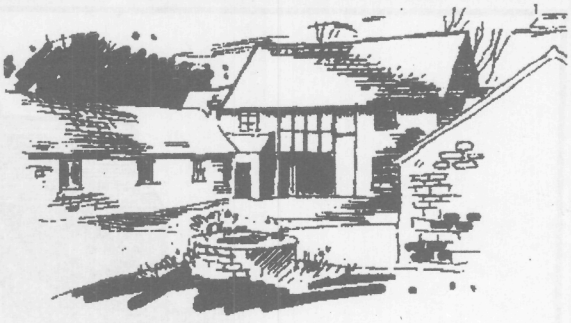

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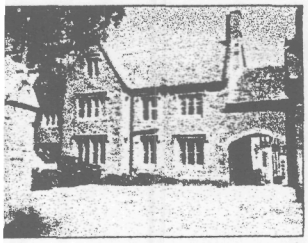

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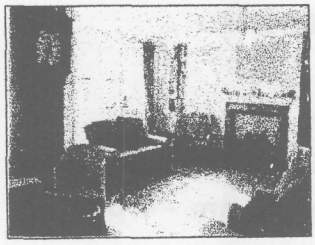

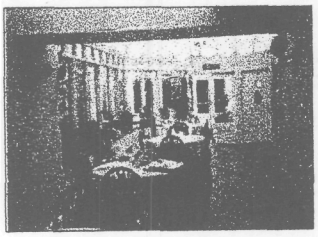

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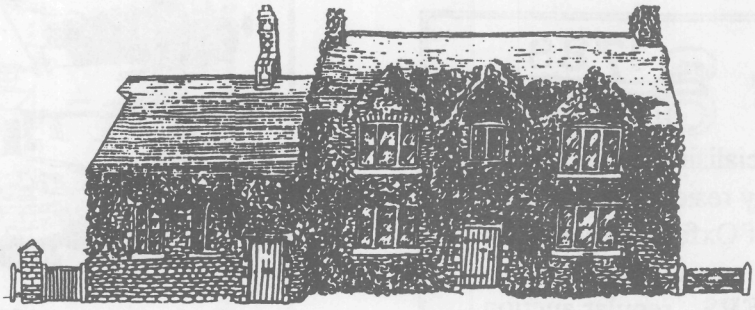

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

(Please address all letters to: Frank Steiner, 5, Chapman's Lane, Deddington.)

FROM JOHN CRESSWELL, HOPCRAFT LANE, DEDDINGTON

Wha a joy it was to stroll into the Market Place on the morning of New Year's Day and find it almost deserted of vehicles, the ancient buildings revealed in all their glory, instead of the more usual appearance of a municipal car park!

Of the various Millennium projects, it is difficult to think of one of more value to present and future generations than finding a solution to the admittedly difficult problem of car parking in the village. Sometime soon something will have to be done. Must we wait for another New Year's Day - or new Millennium - before we may once again capture what should be there for our daily enjoyment ?

FROM ELIZABETH REED, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

On behalf of my mother, Mrs. Burak, and the rest of our family may I say a very warm thank you to everyone in the Parish for their thoughts, prayers and condolences following the death of my much loved father, Wlodzimierz Burak, who passed away peacefully on January 2, 2000. His funeral was held in St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Banbury on Thursday, January 13. *"There are many rooms in my father's house."*

FROM AUDREY AND RALPH STEWART, "CLYDESDALE", DEDDINGTON

The carol singing on Christmas Eve... Although the rains came, so did lots of singers. The Revd. Ken opened the Church doors and we had a wonderful time. Thanks to everybody for the very generous donations and to The Deddington Arms, The Unicorn and the Red Lion for bottles of wine. As a result we raised £100 for the Church.

FROM JOHN CHENEY, GROVE COURT, DEDDINGTON

FREE BATHING FOR BIRDS AT GROVE COURT. The residents of Grove Court have collectively purchased a birdbath to mark the start of the third millennium AD.The birdbath was installed on Sunday January 23, with a small explanatory plaque sited on an adjacent wall. We hope that the birds will enjoy bathing and that residents with a view of the bath will enjoy watching them. Beneath the birdbath we buried a time capsule containing photographs and memorabilia representative of Grove Court and its residents at the end of the 20th century. One wonders what descendants of present-day Deddington will make of it when it is ultimately exhumed.

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LOCAL FOOD FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

As a result of increasing concern about the food we eat and the crisis in farming, the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) now puts out a local food Directory, listing over a hundred local food producers and shops stocking local produce, Goods range from beer and wine to meat, bread, dairy products and vegetable box schemes. There is now a hugely successful Farmers Market in Thame. If you would like to be involved in any way, get a free Directory or find out about your nearest Farmers Market, contact: **Jane Gilbert at ORCC on 01865 883488**

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Deddington Map Group

Two books on Deddington were published in the last century. *The Story of Deddington* by Mary Vane Turner came out in 1933, and *A History of Deddington Oxfordshire* by H M Colvin in 1963. Both are now out of print. Probably the most comprehensive study of the parish is in the *Victoria History of the County of Oxford, volume 11*, 1983 and there is also a good deal of information in other publications, in archives and record offices, not only in this county but beyond. None of this is particularly easy to get at.

From this summer a new paperback, exclusively about Deddington, Clifton and Hempton, will be on sale. Funded by the Parish Council, published by Deddington Map Group and written, illustrated and edited by people of the parish, the new book should have a wide appeal. We hope that many residents will want copies for themselves, and maybe also to give to absent relatives and friends at home or abroad. Visitors and tourists should find it a useful and attractive introduction to the parish. More about this and other Map Group projects in our next report.

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GARDENING NOTES

Not the best time to talk about flowers, but a good time to sort out the cupboards in the garage and throw out the bottles of weed and bug killers which I bought years ago but never used. About twenty years ago I invested in a soil testing kit, used it once to establish the acidity of the garden soil and never used it again. The kit is still out there and it will go into the dustbin forthwith. As a matter of fact I knew all along what sort of soil we have in Deddington and one learns what will do well. Mr. Middleton, that old gardener, just advised to lime the garden well once a year whether it needed it or not, and he was probably right.
I know that Camellias do well out of doors and don't mind frost, but ours have been knocked over by the strong winds so often and we have had to replace broken pots again and again, so I have given in and brought them into the cold conservatory. That means that we are in effect forcing them and they will bloom earlier than they should. Now is the time to bring in Forsythia and American Currant branches and watch them coming into blossom. After that it's a short run to spring and all the garden glory that comes with it. MARIANNE ELSLEY

'I never think of the future. It comes soon enough. (Albert Einstein)
Back in November when I completed the contribution for the December issue of the D.N. I breathed a sigh of relief – 2 months before I need to put the brain into gear and produce more thoughts on allotmenteering. I regret I am not a winter allotmenteer at all, I need a little warm sunshine on my back when digging and I greatly admire those stalwarts who get out there and dig or do something beneficial for both themselves and the allotment. If you remember, pigeons ate all my sprouts, cabbages etc. so the only vegetables left were leeks (Musselburgh). Twice I have made an excursion to harvest them and they have been excellent, but each time I returned home covered in mud – face, clothes and hair. So I am consulting seed catalogues in my warm home, eating not only leeks but runner and broad beans, strawberries, raspberries and blackberries from the freezer, and enjoying my apple and gooseberry wines. THELMA DOVER

THE WIZARD WHATSIT AND THE MILLENNIUM BUGS

We like our Pantomimes to be traditional and the authors of *The Wizard Whatsit and the Millennium Bugs*, Jean Flux and Molly Neild, had that in mind when they wrote the piece. It was bang-up-to-date with computer terminology and at the same time gave us old-fashioned magic spells and invited audience participation. We had a very good evening, booing, clapping and shouting "Oh yes, he did!" I wondered, though, if all the people in the audience were familiar with Glitches, Macros and Wysiwygs, or with the concept of Internet Dating. In the end it comes down to goodies and baddies and we are satisfied if everything ends as it should.
The bugs worked well together, speaking and moving confidently. The woodland animals were charming, but I think more precise and imaginative dancing would have helped. I don't think individual actors should be picked out, but Hercules, the endearing pink rabbit, and Victor's graceful and lithe performance will be something to remember.
The computer theme does not lend itself to pretty village scenery. We missed that and more reference to local affairs, though the woodland trees and daffodils made up for much. Jim Flux's production was inventive, with enough explosions and flashes to keep us on our toes, though we missed him on stage. Special mention must go to the lighting and sound effects department. The lovely costumes and all the ingenious props represented many hours of devoted work. We enjoyed the music, played and devised by Elizabeth Reed, and the singing, with and without audience.
It is amazing how many people are listed on the programme, and we, the audience, thank them all for giving us such an entertaining and enjoyable evening. MARIANNE ELSLEY

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YOUR SONGS OF THE CENTURY Parish Church, Sat. February 19, 7.30 pm.

It began as as a casual suggestion in the December '98 issue of the DN. It has developed over the past year – the result of much hard work - and blossoms this month as an innovative Millennium Concert in the Parish Church. We all chose the songs, John Cresswell and Angela and Norman Stone compiled the '50 Best' list, Linda Bloxham and the Choir have now made their own concert selection and John Cresswell has written a linking narrative. It's an evening that promises genuine pleasure, an occasion both to hear and to join in with, some of the century's best popular music. Your music. There won't be a flat moment. Proceeds to British Heart Foundation. **Tickets: £3 from Post Office and Library.** Ed.

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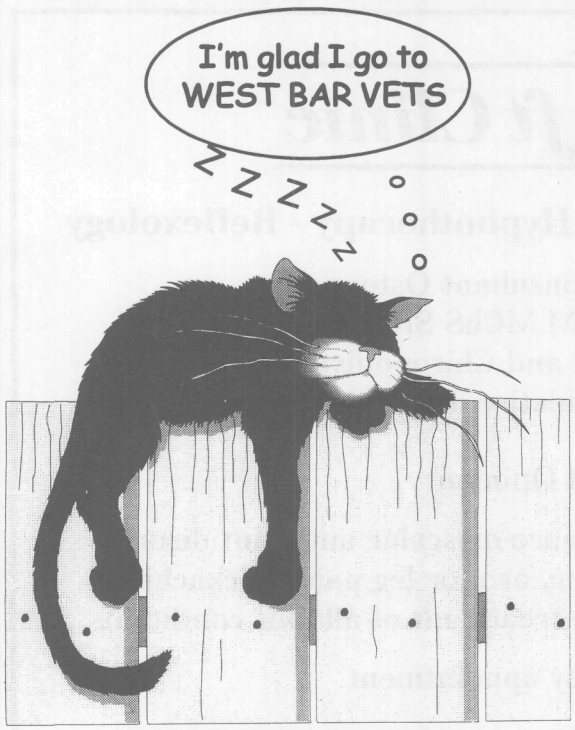

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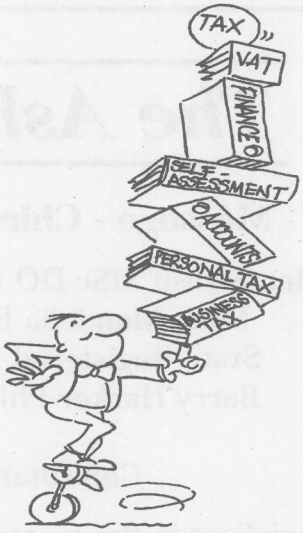

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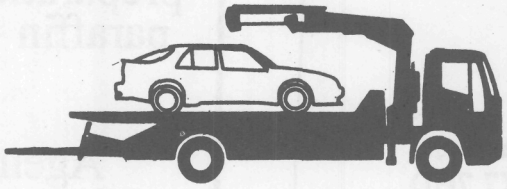

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

The state and lack of footpaths continues to be a primary cause of concern in the village. Linda Davies represented the views of many people in Clifton when she presented a case for improvements at January's meeting of the PC. She reminded Cllrs that it had been under discussion for seven years, since the PC paid £60,000 for a footpath from Hempton to Deddington. The present path in Clifton only lasts 100 metres before it peters out, long before the track to Deddington begins. This track is impassable for prams, buggies, children's cycles and for mothers and children to walk two abreast. Vital improvements are needed to enable people to walk in safety to Deddington's shops, health centre and school. C/Cllr Matthews acknowledged the footpath was OCC's responsibility but there was no money for such works. He suggested people contact Euro MP James Elles to try and obtain EC funding (Tel.0032 2284595/Fax 0032 22849951). D/Cllr O'Sullivan suggested money may be available in next year's Oxford Local Transport Plan and in order to be considered the PC should write to OCC for funding. He also thought it would be worth applying for National Lottery funding. After a lengthy debate in which only three other Cllrs agreed in principle to Linda's proposals, the PC agreed to form a working group to research more information and possible alternative finance. The group will report back to the February PC meeting. Please give me a call if you have any news or items for inclusion in the March edition of DN.

JACKIE WILLIAMSON 337128

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Millennium celebrations in the Church and hall. The event was well attended by both adults and children, many of whom wanted to help ring the bell. It was a night to be remembered. Other successful occasions were the Christmas Bazaar and Carol Service, both well attended. Thanks to all who helped. Several people have asked me whey there are no pictures of Hempton in the Millennium Calendar. It would certainly have been nice to have a picture of our Church. I have been asked if it would be possible to have a record of everyone living in the village at the beginning of the Year 2000 to be bound in book form when compiled. What do people think of this idea? Please let me know.

It's nice to see that the bus shelter and the water leak on the footpath have been repaired.

Attendances at Evensong have fallen dangerously low, with only 4 people at the December Service and 10 in January. When the Church was threatened with closure, many people who did not want the Church to close expressed their wish for an evening service. Where are they all?

Many thanks to the following people who have delivered this newspaper and other literature over the past year: Sue Montague, Mavis & Bernard Barton, Barbara Chappell, Ted Harris and John Temple-Smith.

LES CHAPPELL 338054

Friends of Daeda's Wood

Most of the world has dropped in on Daeda's Wood since my last report; or, to be accurate, a group representing ten countries from across four continents. A dozen students with their tutor from the Oxford Institute of Forestry, came to find out what a community woodland really means to the community concerned. It was fascinating to listen to the varied points of view from young people originating from places as widely flung as Italy and the Cameroons.

Their visit was on the day after the installation of the dog poo bin (THANK YOU Parish Council), which provided another point for discussion. And **thanks**, too, to all dog walkers who now clear up any mess; it has already had a wonderfully salutory effect on the well trodden paths of Daeda's Wood. Please spread the word. Someone, no doubt with the best intentions, has decided that some of the trees need pruning. The Woodland Trust point out that the wood is intended to develop as naturally as possible and they would prefer to be the arbiters of any pruning that may be required! So if you chance upon anyone with a pair of secateurs, please spread this word too. My feeling is that 2000 will be a great year for Daeda's Wood. Plans for the Millennium picnic (June 4) continue to take shape. More of this soon.

Sylvie Spenceley 338995

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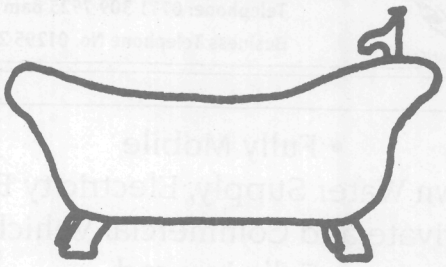

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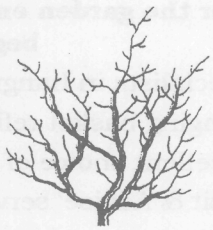

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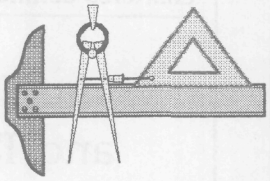

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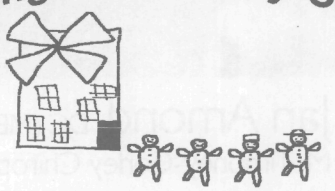

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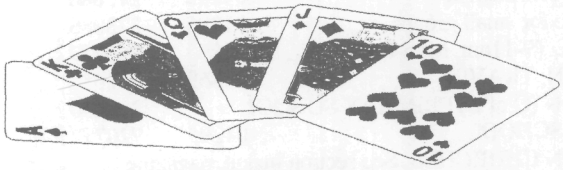

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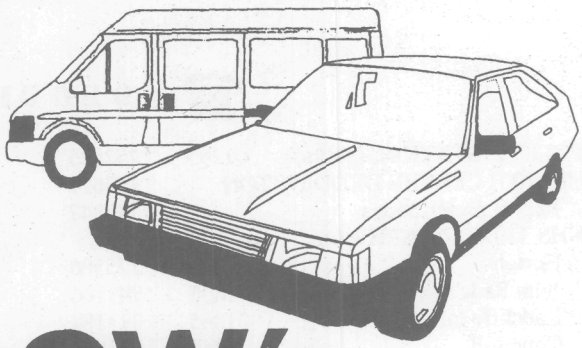

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